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To: Members of delegations and staff

From: Director, Office of General Services

Subject: FIRST DAY OF ISSUE: "HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT" STAMPS, SOUVENIR CARDS, DEFINITIVE STAMPS AND POSTAL STATIONERY

1. On Friday 7 May the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue the third set of stamps for 1993, to commemorate the forty-fifth anniversary of the World Health Organization, on the theme "Healthy Environment". The six stamps, illustrated below, were designed by Milton Glaser, United States of America. They were printed by lithography by Leigh-Mardon Pty. Limited, Australia, and measure 35 mm x 25 mm, perforation to perforation (perforation: 14.85 x 14.4). The vertical sheets each contain 50 stamps.

Denomination:	29 cents	F.s. 0,60	S 6
Quantity:	700,000	600,000	700,000

Denomination:	50 cents	F.s. 1,00	S 10
Quantity:	600,000	600,000	700,000

(United States equivalents - F.s. 0,60: 44 cents, F.s. 1,00: 73 cents, S 6: 57 cents and S 10: 96 cents - subject to exchange-rate fluctuation.)

SOUVENIR CARDS

2. The forty-third in a series of souvenir cards will also be released on 7 May 1993 to coincide with the "Healthy Environment" issue. The card, designed by Rocco J. Callari, a United Nations staff member, depicts the six new stamps and is the first souvenir card to carry a statement by United Nations Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali. A quantity of 90,000 cards were printed by Leigh-Mardon Pty. Limited, Australia, by lithography in five colours. They will be available for a period of three months, while supplies last.

NEW DEFINITIVE STAMPS

3. Two definitive stamps will also be issued on 7 May 1993. The stamps, in denominations of 5 cents and S 13, shown below, will be issued to meet current and make-up postage rates.

(a) The 5 cent stamp is an adaption of the design by Salahattin Kanidinc, U.S.A., which was used for the 13 cent postal card issued on 28 April 1982. The stamp has been printed by offset lithography by The House of Questa, United Kingdom, in an initial printing quantity of 1,500,000. The stamp measures 36.92 mm x 24.13 mm, perforation to perforation (perforation: 14). The sheets of 50 stamps will be vertical. The 1979 5 cent will be withdrawn from sale on 7 May.

(b) The design of the 40 cent definitive stamp issued on 22 January 1982 has been adapted for the new S 13 definitive stamp. Marek Kwiatkowski, Poland, is the designer. The stamp has been printed by photogravure in five colours by Helio Courvoisier S.A., Switzerland, in an initial printing quantity of 1,500,000. The stamp measures 25.73 mm x 35.96 mm, perforation to perforation (perforation: 11 1/2 x 11 3/4). The horizontal sheets will contain 50 stamps. (U.S. equivalent - $1.24 - subject to fluctuating exchange rate.)

NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

4. The United Nations Postal Administration will issue three new postal cards in denominations of F.s. 0,80, S 5 and S 6 on 7 May 1993 to meet revised postal rates.

(United States equivalents - F.s. 0,80: 58 cents, S 5: 47 cents and S 6: 57 cents - subject to fluctuating exchange rates.)

(a) The F.s. 0,80 features preprinted postage based on a photograph of the Palais des Nations. In addition, one other photograph of the Palais appears as an illustration in the upper left hand corner of the card. The photographs are attributable to the United Nations.

(b) The preprinted postage on the S 5 postal card is a modification of the 1985 22 cent definitive stamp designed by Fritz Henry Oerter, Germany. A photo of the Vienna International Centre, taken by Janet Jesch, a United Nations staff member, appears in the upper left hand corner of this card.

(c) The bird's eye view of the Vienna International Centre, used for both the preprinted postage and the upper left hand corner illustration of the S 6 postal card, was taken by the noted aerial photographer, Florian Hausman, Austria.

(d) Initial quantities of 200,000 of the F.s. 0,80 postal card and 450,000 of each of the S 5 and S 6 postal cards have been printed in offset lithography by Leigh-Mardon Pty. Limited, Australia.

(e) On 29 January 1993, the F.s. 0,50 postal card which was issued on 10 May 1985 was withdrawn from sale, as the postage rate was no longer valid for mailing in Switzerland. Remaining stocks of this postal card will be revalued to the new rate of F.s. 0,60 and be placed on sale on 7 May 1993.

5. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachet ONLY. The new postal stationery, including the revalued F.s. 0,50 P.C., will also be available cancelled. These first-day cancelled items will be available until 6 June 1993.

6. Members of delegations and the staff may obtain the new stamps, souvenir cards, postal stationery and first-day cancellations on Friday, 7 May, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building: 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

7. Staff members are encouraged to use United Nations stamps on their personal mail. By doing so, these miniature messengers of peace can educate unseen thousands of people to the activities and goals of the United Nations.